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For Immediate Release:

GHER TO RECEIVE EIU SCHOOL OF BUSINESS DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD FOR 2003

CHARLESTON – Eastern Illinois University's School of Business has selected Don Gher ('73) to receive its Distinguished Alumnus Award for 2003.

Gher has earned significant achievements in business and has interacted with EIU's faculty and students to help blend current practices with basic principles. His participation in the Business Advisory Board, as an executive-in-residence, and his continued conversations with the finance faculty and students are used as exemplars for alumni participation with the school.

Currently, Gher is a managing director and chief investment officer for Coldstream Capital Management. A co-founder of Coldstream, he is also chairman of the board.

Gher began his investment career in 1974 after earning his bachelor of science degree in business from Eastern. Since that time, he has been head of a multibillion-dollar trust/investment department for the Marine Bank of Springfield, Ill.; an analyst/portfolio manager for the Public Employees' Retirement Fund of Colorado; and a shareholder in the San Francisco money management firm of Kingsley Jennison McNulty & Morse.

During 1987-1988, Gher set up and managed the Tokyo, Japan, office of Schroeder Wertheim & Co., an international investment-banking firm, under the auspices of Schroeder Securities (Japan) Ltd. The office was responsible for selling U.S. Equity Research to Japanese institutions. He joined Security Pacific Bank, Washington, in 1988, which later became Bank Of America. At Bank Of America Capital Management, Inc., and subsidiary Seafirst Investment Counselors, Gher was responsible for the management of the Core Growth Equity Fund, as well as the duties of health care analyst for the Bank of America system.

In 1981, Gher was awarded the chartered financial analyst designation. He is a member of the Seattle Society of Financial Analysts and the Association for Investment Management and Research. He is also on the Seattle Society of Financial Analysts Scholarship Committee.

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In 2001, Gher was one of only 81 worldwide CFAR charter holders to be awarded the first AIMRR "Fifteen Year Certificate of Achievement" for Continuing Education. In 1996, he was named to the EIU Lumpkin School of Business Advisory Board and elected to the EIU Alumni Board in 2002.

His investment and economic views have appeared in both national and regional publications, including the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Wall Street Transcript*, *Bloomberg News*, *The Seattle Times*, *The Puget Sound Business Journal* and *The Eastside Journal*. He has also appeared on Northwest Cable News TV and Bloomberg Radio.

Gher and his wife, Mary (Hartke, EIU '73), have two daughters. Lindsay Meyer is a financial analyst in the Treasury Department of Starbucks and graduated Phi Beta Kappa and cum laude from the University of Washington with a degree in business administration and certificate of international studies-French track. She also attended the University of Poitiers in France.

Courtney Gher is in supply chain coffee operations for Starbucks' corporate headquarters and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Washington with a degree in international economics. She also attended the University of Angers in France.